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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 7th to 9th, 11th to 15th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 25th, 32nd, 33rd, 39th, 40th, and 42nd to 46th meetings, on 15, 16, 18, 22 to 25, 29 and 31 October, 4, 7, 8, 25 and 27 November, 11, 13 and 15 to 17 December 1996.

3. The comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.7-9, 11-15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 32, 33, 39, 40 and 42-46).

4. In accordance with the criteria for use of the contingency fund annexed to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the Fifth Committee, at its 46th meeting, on 17 December, considered a consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund. The consolidated amount fell within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Committee therefore proceeded to approve the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget.

5. Section II of the present report contains a summary of the recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly on the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly, either on the recommendation of its Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary.

6. Section III of the report provides a summary of the special subjects considered by the Fifth Committee, which led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended to the General Assembly.

7. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section IV of the present report.

II. PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

8. In its resolutions 50/215 A and B of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly approved budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997 in the amount of $2,608,274,000 and income estimates in the amount of $471,401,700.

9. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly under items considered by other Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary, have resulted in net increases in the approved level of

appropriations in the amount of $4,993,100 and a net reduction in the approved income estimates in the amount of $23,664,100.

10. The revised estimates of expenditure and income approved by the Fifth Committee and the financial implications of resolutions recommended by other Main Committees and subsequently by the General Assembly are indicated, by expenditure and income section, below:

Sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session	Total
	(United States dollars)		
A. Expenditure sections			
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	40 348 200		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(720 500)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(278 500)	
Total	40 348 200	(999 000)	39 349 200
2. Political affairs	60 989 500		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(1 367 000)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(986 100)	
Total	60 989 500	(2 353 100)	58 636 400
3. Peacekeeping operations and special missions	102 868 200		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		18 571 100	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(276 800)	
(c) The situation in Central America: Central American peace process (A/C.5/51/32 and A/C.5/51/SR.39)		341 300	
(d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/51/40 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		3 100 000	
(e) The situation in Central America: MINUGUA (1 January to 31 March 1997) (A/C.5/51/41 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		7 102 400	

Sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increases (decreases) approved at the current session	Total
	United States dollars		
3. The situation in Central America: United Nations political presence in El Salvador (1 January to 30 June 1997) (A/C.5/51/42 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		458 700	
4. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti: International Civilian Mission to Haiti (1 January to 31 July 1997) (A/C.5/51/43 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		3 400 000	
Total	102 888 200	32 637 350	135 525 550
4. Office of the Secretary-General	4 785 500		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/18, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 44)		474 100	
(b) United Nations common system: recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission		50 000	
Total	4 785 500	524 100	5 309 600
5. International Court of Justice	21 339 600		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/18, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 44)		(1 278 700)	
(b) United Nations common system: recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission		75 800	
Total	21 339 600	(1 353 700)	19 985 900
6. Legal activities	31 605 400		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/18, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 44)		(1 032 400)	
(b) United Nations common system: recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission		318 500	
Total	31 605 400	(1 350 900)	30 254 500

Sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session	Total
	(United States dollars)		
7A. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development	44 516 700		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		1 900 600	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(479 800)	
Total	44 516 700	2 380 400	41 [illegible]
7B. Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development	4 305 100		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		196 100	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		44 600	
Total	4 305 100	40 700	4 [illegible]
8. Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis	48 612 100		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(817 200)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(518 700)	
Total	48 612 100	(1 435 900)	47 [illegible]
9. Department for Development Support and Management Services	26 556 000		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		504 400	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(249 000)	
Total	26 556 000	255 400	26 811 400

Sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session	Total
	(United States dollars)		
10A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	121 925 300		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(10 633 100)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(1 065 900)	
Total	121 925 300	(11 699 000)	110 226 300
10B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	21 642 000		
First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		684 600	
Total	21 642 000	684 600	22 326 600
11. United Nations Environment Programme	9 512 200		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(1 170 700)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(110 400)	
Total	9 512 200	(1 281 100)	8 231 100
12. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	13 059 600		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(1 181 600)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(146 000)	
Total	13 059 600	(1 327 600)	11 731 700
13. Crime control	5 254 600		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(512 400)	

Sections		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session	Total
		(United States dollars)		
	(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(48 300)	
	(c) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1996 (A/C.5/51/20 and A/C.5/51/SR.32 and 33)		501 000	
	Total	5 254 600	(59 700)	5 194 900
14.	International drug control	17 344 100		
	(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(1 822 700)	
	(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(143 700)	
	(c) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1996 (A/C.5/51/20 and A/C.5/51/SR.32 and 33)		595 200	
	(d) International action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking (A/C.5/51/36 and A/C.5/51/SR.39 and 40)		222 100	
	Total	17 344 100	(1 149 100)	16 195 000
15.	Economic Commission for Africa	87 845 600		
	(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(4 641 900)	
	(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(842 800)	
	Total	87 845 600	(5 484 700)	82 360 900

Section	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increase/ decrease approved at the current session	Total
	United States dollars		
16. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	44 179 400		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		1 567 [illegible]	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		479 600	
Total	44 179 400	1 [illegible] 000	47 [illegible]
17. Economic Commission for Europe	52 883 100		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(4 441 300)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		435 100	
Total	52 883 100	(4 941 400)	47 941 700
18. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	88 327 200		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(5 256 500)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(555 300)	
Total	88 327 200	(5 811 800)	82 515 400
19. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	37 791 200		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(3 408 700)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(339 200)	
Total	37 791 200	(3 647 900)	34 143 300

Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session	Total
		(United States dollars)		
20.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	44 814 700		
	First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(7 418 800)	
	Total	44 814 700	(7 418 800)	37 395 900
21.	Human rights	52 987 600		
	(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(4 628 400)	
	(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(358 600)	
	Total	52 987 600	(4 987 000)	48 000 600
22.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	54 318 500		
	(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(3 788 900)	
	(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(390 500)	
	Total	54 318 500	(4 179 400)	50 139 100
23.	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	22 643 000		
	(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(5 044 800)	
	(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(293 300)	
	Total	22 643 000	(5 338 100)	17 304 900
24.	Department of Humanitarian Affairs	21 039 300		
	(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(1 869 700)	

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	(United States dollars)		
b. United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		214 100)	
Total	21 049 800	2 081 800)	18 968 000
27. Public information	137 658 000		
a. First performance report (A/C.5/51/18, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 44)		(4 368 800)	
b. United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(898 200)	
Total	137 658 000	(5 267 200)	132 390 800
28. Administration and management	960 885 100)		
a. First performance report (A/C.5/51/18, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 44)		40 796 100)	
b. United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(4 017 500)	
Total	960 885 100	44 803 600)	916 081 500
29. Jointly financed administrative activities	28 915 000		
a. First performance report (A/C.5/51/18, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 44)		(1 160 200)	
b. United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(271 000)	
Total	28 915 000	(1 431 200)	27 483 8
30. Special expenses	1 701 700)		
First performance report (A/C.5/51/18, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 44)		(451 400)	
Total	41 751 700	(451 400)	41 3

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Sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B	Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session	Total
	(United States dollars)		
29. Office of Internal Oversight Services	15 716 500		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(920 400)	
(b) United Nations common system: recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission		188 200	
Total	15 716 500	(732 200)	14 984 300
30. Technological innovations	21 999 600		
First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(699 400)	
Total	21 999 600	(699 400)	21 300 200
31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	31 585 400		
First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(2 946 400)	
Total	31 585 400	(2 946 400)	28 639 000
32. Staff assessment	369 080 100		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		16 749 500	
(b) United Nations common system: recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission		(5 927 400)	
(c) The situation in Central America: Central American peace process (A/C.5/51/32 and A/C.5/51/SR.49)		60 800	
(d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/51/40 and A/C.5/51/SR.44		280 600	

Section	Amount approved by the General Assembly in the 1996/97 budget (A/51/215 A and B)	Increase/ decrease approved at the current session	Notes
	(United States dollars)		
(e) The situation in Central America: MINUGUA (1 January to 31 March 1997) (A/C.5/51/41 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		886 100	
(f) The situation in Central America: United Nations political presence in El Salvador (1 January to 30 June 1997) (A/C.5/51/42 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		68 200	
(g) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti: International Civilian Mission to Haiti (1 January to 31 July 1997) (A/C.5/51/43 and A/C.5/51/SR.45)		265 400	
Total	569 240 100	20 799 500	589 [illegible]
(h) International Seabed Authority	1 808 200		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 47)		(65 500)	
(b) Budget of the International Seabed Authority for 1997 (A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2)		2 750 500	
Total	1 808 200	2 685 500	4 493 700
Total, expenditure estimates	2 712 265 200	(106 984 400)	2 605 280 800
Less: anticipated reductions to be confirmed by General Assembly	(103 991 200)	103 991 200	
Grand total, expenditure estimates (gross)	2 608 274 000	(2 993 200)	2 605 280 800
b. Income section			
1. Income from staff assessment	384 306 000		
(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(16 749 500)	
(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		(5 117 300)	

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	(c) The situation in Central America: Central American peace process (A/C.5/51/32 and A/C.5/51/SR.39)		40 600	
	(d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/51/42 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		282 600	
	(e) The situation in Central America: MINUGUA (1 January to 31 March 1997) (A/C.5/51/41 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		506 200	
	(f) The situation in Central America: United Nations political presence in El Salvador (1 January to 30 June 1997) (A/C.5/51/42 and A/C.5/51/SR.44)		68 200	
	(g) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti: International Civilian Mission to Haiti (1 January to 31 July 1997) (A/C.5/51/43 and A/C.5/51/SR.45)		365 800	
	Total	384 306 000	(20 809 400)	363 496 600
2.	General income	86 209 200		
	First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		(4 189 600)	
	Total	86 209 200	(4 189 600)	82 019 600
3.	Services to the public	886 500		
	(a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46)		1 257 100	
	(b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission)		77 800	
	Total	886 500	1 334 900	2 221 400
	Total, income estimates	471 401 700	(23 664 100)	447 737 600

11. At its 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Committee considered the revised estimates of expenditure and income to be recommended for approval by the General Assembly for the biennium 1996-1997, as well as the financing of the appropriations for the year 1997. The Committee took the following action:

(a) The Committee approved the revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution II A);

(b) The Committee approved the revised income estimates for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution II B);

(c) The Committee approved the draft resolution on the financing of the appropriations for the year 1996 (see para. 23, draft resolution II C).

III. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

1. Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council

12. The Committee considered this question at its 32nd and 33rd meetings, on 25 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/20). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman at the 32nd meeting.

13. At its 33rd meeting, on 27 November, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the estimates of $501,000 under section 13, Crime control, and of $595,200 under section 14, International drug control, on the understanding that such additional appropriations as might be necessary would be determined in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund, taking into account the results of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. I).

2. Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1997

14. The Committee considered this question at its 39th and 43rd meetings, on 11 and 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/33). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman at the 39th meeting.

15. At its 43rd meeting, on 13 December, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/33) and of the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and approve a subvention of $213,000 for UNIDIR for 1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. II).

3. International Seabed Authority

16. The Committee considered this question at its 33rd and 46th meetings, on 27 November and 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/38) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.6).

17. At its 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Klaus D. Stein, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International Seabed Authority" (A/C.5/51/L.39). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.39 without a vote (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. III).

4. First performance report

18. The Committee considered this question at its 42nd, 43rd and 46th meetings, on 12, 13 and 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/38) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.6).

19. At its 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Klaus D. Stein, introduced a draft resolution entitled "First performance report" (A/C.5/51/L.38). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.38 without a vote (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. IV).

5. Contingency fund

20. The Committee considered this question at its 46th meeting, on 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/44).

21. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appropriate the required amounts, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and that it note that a balance of $15,358,200 would remain in the contingency fund (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. V).

6. Implementation of resolutions 50/214 and 50/215

22. At its 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Fifth Committee considered draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.33, submitted by the Vice-Chairman. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.33 without a vote (see para. 23, draft resolution I B).

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

23. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

A

The General Assembly

I

REVISED ESTIMATES RESULTING FROM THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. Takes note of the estimates of 501,000 United States dollars under section 13, Crime control, and of 595,200 dollars under section 14, International drug control, on the understanding that such additional appropriations as may be necessary will be determined in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund, taking into account the results of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;[1]

II

REQUEST FOR A SUBVENTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH RESULTING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE ON THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE INSTITUTE FOR 1997

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[2] and of the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and approves the subvention of 213,000 dollars for UNIDIR for 1997;

III

INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Recalling its resolution 48/263 of 28 July 1994, in which it decided to fund the administrative expenses of the International Seabed Authority until the end of the year following the year during which the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 entered into force,

Also recalling its resolution 50/214 of 23 December 1995, in which it made provision for the budget for 1996 of the International Seabed Authority,

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[1] A/51/7/Add.6.

[2] A/C.5/51/33.

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the budget of the International Seabed Authority for 1997,[3]

1. Approves the recommendation thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;[4]

2. Requests the International Seabed Authority to take all necessary action to ensure that its budget for 1997 is implemented with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to provide conference services for the meetings of the International Seabed Authority to be held from 17 to 28 March and from 18 to 29 August 1997 from the resources available under section 26E, Conference Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;[5]

4. Decides to make a provision of $2,750,500 for the International Seabed Authority for its administrative expenses in 1997 under section 33, International Seabed Authority, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

5. [Decides also that the provision for 1997 should be charged to the contingency fund.] or [Decides also that the provision under paragraph 3 above should be offset by reductions under section 31, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.];

IV

FIRST PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. Takes note of the first performance report of the Secretary-General[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary questions;[7]

2. Reaffirms its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986;

3. Notes that, according to the first performance report, involuntary separations of staff have not been used in order to implement resolutions 50/231 and 50/232 of 7 June 1996;

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[3] A/C.5/51/21.

[4] A/51/7/Add.2.

[5] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1).

[6] A/C.5/51/38.

4. Approves a net decrease of 5,580,200 dollars in the appropriations approved for the biennium 1996-1997, and a net decrease of 19,682,000 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium 1996-1997, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

V

CONTINGENCY FUND

Notes that a balance of 15,358,200 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolutions 50/214, in which it decided, inter alia, that the vacancy rate would be 6.4 per cent for both Professional and General Service posts, 50/215 and 50/216 of 23 December 1995 and 50/230 of 7 June 1996,

Also recalling the request made to the Secretary-General in paragraph 7 of section II of resolution 50/214 to present, as soon as possible, and no later than 31 March 1996, to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report containing proposals of possible savings for its consideration and approval,

Reaffirming the role of the current intergovernmental process in reviewing the efficiency and reform of the programmes and activities and the need to avoid duplication,

Recognizing the need to integrate all elements of internal reviews of efficiency in the Secretariat,

Recognizing also the role of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts in management reforms and in ensuring adequate programme delivery and efficiency,

Regretting that the information requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on personnel- and programme-related issues, including, inter alia, whether consultants were hired to carry out work previously performed by staff on posts, was not provided,

Recalling its decision 50/506 of 17 September 1996,

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[1] A/C.5/50/57/Add.1.

[2] A/51/7/Add.1.

1. Reaffirms resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

2. Reaffirms also part VI of resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, which relates to the involvement of different bodies in the budgetary process;

3. Reaffirms further the requirement of all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations promptly and in full;

4. Recognizes the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

5. Reaffirms that the authority to create, transfer and abolish posts under the regular budget is the prerogative of the General Assembly;

6. Recalls the authority of the Secretary-General as chief administrative officer, as provided for under Article 97 of the Charter;

7. Endorses the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1] with the exception of the second sentence of paragraph 28 and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. Expresses its concern that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain a clear indication of the extent to which the approved vacancy level of 6.4 per cent has been exceeded in order to reach the savings called for in resolution 50/214;

9. Reiterates its decision that savings in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 should not affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

10. Reiterates that any proposal to change mandated programmes and activities is subject to prior approval of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee and other relevant bodies;

11. Notes the assurances of the Secretary-General that he will not take any decision on the involuntary separation of staff members, including those on the redeployment list, to achieve savings in the context of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/214;

12. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of General Assembly decision 50/506, to report during the resumed session of the Fifth Committee on the progress achieved in the placement of the staff on the redeployment list, taking into account their skills and experience;

13. Requests that the information requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report* be presented no later than 1 March 1997;

14. Requests the Secretary-General, in connection with paragraphs 25 to 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee, to report, through the Office of Internal Oversight Services, no later than 1 March 1997, on the use of consultants and associated contractual procedures in the United Nations during the calendar year 1996;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to review the effect of vacant posts on programme delivery and to recommend, if appropriate, restoration of the funding of these posts in the context of the budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary actions to avoid duplication of efficiency review procedures;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to integrate and harmonize, where appropriate, efficiency reviews, including those of the intergovernmental machinery with programme planning and budget reviews;

18. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to relevant intergovernmental bodies on the efficiency proposals which have programmatic and programme budget implications that require prior legislative approval;

19. Regrets that the programme performance report requested in paragraph 11, section II, of resolution 50/214 to be presented no later than the end of the fiftieth session has not been submitted;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to present no later than 1 March 1997 the above-mentioned programme performance report on the impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities, and decides to consider it as a matter of priority during the first part of its resumed session;

21. Decides that no changes to the budget methodology or established budgetary procedures, practices and Financial Regulations can be implemented without prior review by and approval by the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with agreed budgetary procedures;

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

A

Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1996-1997 the amount of 2,608,274,000 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolution 50/215 A of 23 December 1995 shall be adjusted by 4,993,100 dollars as follows:

Expenditure sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 A	Increase/ (decrease)	Revised appropriation
	(United States dollars)		
PART I. OVERALL POLICY-MAKING DIRECTION AND COORDINATION			
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	40 348 200	(999 000)	39 349 200
Total, part I	40 348 200	(999 000)	39 349 200
PART II. POLITICAL AFFAIRS			
2. Political affairs	60 989 500	(2 053 100)	58 936 400
3. Peacekeeping operations and special missions	102 868 200	32 637 100	135 505 300
4. Outer space affairs	4 705 500	(529 100)	4 176 400
Total, part II	168 563 200	30 054 900	198 618 100
PART III. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND LAW			
5. International Court of Justice	21 339 600	(1 353 700)	19 985 900
6. Legal activities	31 605 400	(1 350 900)	30 254 500
Total, part III	52 945 000	(2 704 600)	50 240 400
PART IV. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT			
7A. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development	44 318 700	(2 380 400)	41 938 300
7B. Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development	4 305 100	60 700	4 365 800
8. Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis	48 612 100	(1 335 900)	47 276 200
9. Department for Development Support and Management Services	26 556 000	255 400	26 811 400
10A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	121 925 300	(11 699 000)	110 226 300
10B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	21 642 000	684 600	22 326 600
11. United Nations Environment Programme	9 512 200	(1 281 100)	8 231 100
12. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	13 059 600	(1 327 900)	11 731 700
13. Crime control	5 254 600	(59 700)	5 194 900
14. International drug control	17 344 100	(1 149 100)	16 195 000
Total, part IV	312 529 700	(18 232 400)	294 297 300

Expenditure sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 A	(Increase) (decrease)	Revised appropriation
	(United States dollars)		
PART V. REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT			
15. Economic Commission for Africa	87 845 600	(5 484 700)	82 360 900
16. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	66 379 300	1 108 000	67 487 300
17. Economic Commission for Europe	52 883 100	(4 931 400)	47 951 700
18. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	88 327 200	(5 811 800)	82 515 400
19. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	37 791 200	(3 647 900)	34 143 300
20. Regular programme of technical cooperation	44 814 700	(7 438 800)	37 375 900
Total, part V	378 041 100	(26 206 600)	351 834 500
PART VI. HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS			
21. Human rights	52 987 600	(4 987 000)	48 000 600
22. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	54 318 500	(4 179 400)	50 139 100
23. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	22 643 000	(5 338 100)	17 304 900
24. Department of Humanitarian Affairs	21 039 300	(2 083 800)	18 955 500
Total, part VI	150 988 400	(16 588 300)	134 400 100
PART VII. PUBLIC INFORMATION			
25. Public information	137 658 000	(5 267 200)	132 390 800
Total, part VII	137 658 000	(5 267 200)	132 390 800
PART VIII. COMMON SUPPORT SERVICES			
26. Administration and management	960 885 100	(44 803 600)	916 081 500
Total, part VIII	960 885 100	(44 803 600)	916 081 500
PART IX. JOINTLY FINANCED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EXPENSES			
27. Jointly financed administrative activities	28 915 000	(1 441 200)	27 473 800
28. Special expenses	41 701 700	(341 300)	41 360 400
Total, part IX	70 616 700	(1 782 500)	68 834 200

Expenditure sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 A	Increase/ (decrease)	Revised appropriation
	(United States dollars)		
PART X. OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES			
29. Office of Internal Oversight Services	15 716 500	(705 000)	15 011 500
Total, part X	15 716 500	(705 000)	15 011 500
PART XI. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
30. Technological innovations	21 999 600	(699 400)	21 300 200
31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	31 585 400	(2 936 600)	28 648 800
Total, part XI	53 585 000	(3 636 000)	49 949 000
PART XII. STAFF ASSESSMENT			
32. Staff assessment	369 080 100	(20 799 500)	348 280 600
Total, part XII	369 080 100	(20 799 500)	348 280 600
PART XIII. INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY			
33. International Seabed Authority	1 308 200	2 685 500	3 993 700
Total, part XIII	1 308 200	2 685 500	3 993 700
Total, expenditure sections	2 712 265 200	(108 984 300)	2 603 280 900
Less: anticipated reductions to be confirmed by the General Assembly	(103 991 200)	103 991 200	
Grand total	2 608 274 000	(4 993 100)	2 603 280 900

B

Revised income estimates for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 1996-1997, the estimates of income of 471,401,700 United States dollars approved by it in its resolution 50/215 B of 23 December 1995 shall be decreased by 23,664,100 dollars, as follows:

Income sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 B	Increase/ (decrease)	Revised appropriation
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	384 306 000	(20 809 400)	363 496 600
Total, section 1	384 306 000	(20 809 400)	363 496 600
2. General income	86 209 200	(4 189 600)	82 019 600
3. Services to the public	886 500	1 334 900	2 221 400
Total, sections 2 and 3	87 095 700	(2 854 700)	84 241 000
Grand total	471 401 700	(23 664 100)	447 737 600

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1997:

1. Budget appropriations totalling 1,299,143,900 dollars and consisting of 1,304,137,000 dollars, being half of the appropriations initially approved for the biennium 1996-1997 in resolution 50/215 A of 23 December 1995, less 4,993,100 dollars, being the reduction approved by the Assembly in resolution A above, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations as follows:

(a) 50,817,943 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 43,547,850 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than income from staff assessment approved for the biennium 1996-1997 by the Assembly in its resolution 50/215 B of 23 December 1995;

(ii) Less 2,854,700 dollars, being the reduction approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(iii) 10,124,793 dollars, being the balance in the surplus account as at 31 December 1995;

(b) 1,248,325,957 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994, on the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997.

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) A of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 183,140,613 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 192,153,000 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 50/215 B;

(b) Less 20,809,400 dollars, being the estimated decrease in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(c) Plus 11,797,013 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 1994-1995 compared with the revised estimates approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/205 B of 23 December 1995.